

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for powderizing a hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) ~~in a liquid or paste form~~, comprising:
 - (A) processing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) into a liquid or paste form by adding alcohol or organic solvent;
 - (B) mixing said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) with a saccharide derivative(s) of α,α -trehalose having a trehalose structure as an end unit ~~and a glucose polymerization degree of three or higher~~, wherein the amount of said saccharide derivative(s) of α,α -trehalose is 5% (w/w) or more to the total weight of the resulting mixture, on a dry solid basis; and
 - (C) powderizing the resulting mixture;
wherein said saccharide derivative of α,α -trehalose comprises ~~30-50~~ w/w % or more of α -maltosyl α,α -trehalose and one or more other saccharides selected from the group consisting of α -glucosyl α,α -trehalose, α -maltotriosyl α,α -trehalose and ~~other~~ α -glycosyl α,α -trehalose(s) ~~as other components~~, and which saccharide derivative of α,α -trehalose is in an amorphous form.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said hydrophobic non-saccharide ingredient(s) is one selected from the group consisting of processed stockbreedings, processed marine products, processed agricultural products, flavors, colorings, lipids, and functional substances.

Claims 4-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method for powderizing is a spray-drying method.

Claims 10-15. (Cancelled)